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Congressman Dent, Senator Santorum secure funding for important youth services programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) and U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) today announced the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations bill passed by the House and Senate includes funding that the Congressman and Senator requested for important youth social services in the 15th District.

The bill includes **\$360,000** for Residential Care Consortium: At-Risk Youth Educators, Counselors, and Care Givers Professional Development Program, **Children's Home of Easton**. This funding will help the Children's Home of Easton to establish, improve, and expand professional development programs to better serve at-risk youths.

The bill also includes **\$925,000** for several nationwide operations of North Whitehall Township-based **KidsPeace Inc.**

"I believe investing in successful programs for at-risk youth saves us money in the long run from the criminal justice system or other programs that often come too late," **Congressman Dent** said. "Most importantly, these services provide hope for young people that too often live without it."

"I am pleased that the Children's Home of Easton and KidsPeace have received this federal funding that will enable them to continue their important work with youths in the Lehigh Valley," said **Senator Santorum**. "In October, I was honored to receive the 'Friend of Children' award from the Children's Home of Easton. I believe in organizations like

these because they are committed to providing a loving and nurturing environment for young people and encourage community involvement through volunteer opportunities.”

“This grant moving forward will enable staff members who work with children in the most need get the best available resources to bring those children back to health and safety,” said **Children’s Home of Easton Executive Director Mike Danjczek**. “Once again the work done by Congressman Dent illustrates his commitment to children in jeopardy.”

“We are fortunate to have outstanding programs for young people in this region, and I’m glad to be able to support them,” Congressman Dent said.

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